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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Tue, 6 Sep 1994 16:37:20 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!mvb.saic.com!eskimo!bigdon@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: A Repeater on 147.555?!?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

<34fpr2\$7va@news.iastate.edu>
Organization: Eskimo North (206) For-Ever

In article <34fpr2\$7va@news.iastate.edu> wjturner@iastate.edu (William J
Turner) writes:

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>In article <CvMsKJ.MB4@news.Hawaii.Edu>, jeffrey@kahuna.tmc.edu
(Jeffrey Herman) writes:
>|> In article <34di6t\$736@rain.org> leigh@rain.org (Leigh) writes:
>|> >
>|> >But does every Ham have a right to have his own repeater?
>|>
>|> A very good question and the answer certainly must be *NO*.
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>I know this will start a large debate (at least it looks like it
might),
>but I have to ask why does "the answer certainly must be *NO*"? I
>agree that most repeater QSOs could be used on simplex at lower power,
>and thus, technically, they are breaking the law. But, how does this
>make it so each ham does not have a right to have his own repeater?
>
>I would say they probably do have the right, but that exercising it is
>not in the best interests of the ham community at large. I see nothing
>in Part 97 to say every ham *can't* have his (or her) own repeater.
>Please enlighten me and the group on your thinking.

To anyone who really wants there own 2M rpitr bad enough and doesn't want
coordination or interference hassles, consider moving to Eastern Montana
or North Dakota. Unless things have changed dramatically in the ten
years since I last drove thru there (the population sure hasn't), you
are lucky if you can hit one or two rpitr from anywhere in the state(s).
It was so bad that I was calling on .52 and .94 simplex working one guy
here and there and they would say, "Look for Joe W7XYZ when you get to
(name of next little burg 50 miles down the road) and say hello for me!"
Don N7EF <bigdon@eskimo.com>

Date: Tue, 06 Sep 1994 16:56:29 EDT
From: psinntp!arrl.org!usenet@uunet.uu.net
Subject: ARLB072 DXCC Field Reps to sign /125
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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ARLB072 DXCC Field Reps to sign /125

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QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 72 ARLB072

Date: Tue, 6 Sep 1994 11:28:37 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!convex!news.duke.edu!eff!news.kei.com!
hookup!nic.ott.hookup.net!takeone!robin.ludlow@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Comment 05/09/94 23:40
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Thanks for the update John..will check Bulletin Item 6 and try to adjust
my line length.

73, Rob
VE3YE

Date: Tue, 6 Sep 1994 19:37:54 GMT
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!EU.net!sunic!trane.uninett.no!eunet.no!nuug!
telepost.no!lightning!raymondd@ames.arpa
Subject: Current DXCC-list?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Is the ARRL DXCC-list from february 1994 the most current list?
It is the newest I can find at ARRL infoserver, but I suspect it
for not beeing up to date. The former Soviet states looked wrong, and
some other prefixes too.

Any Ideas?

Please reply in E-mail, as I need this information desperately quick.

Thank You in advance.

73 de Raymond Dalen LA7EHA

raymondd@powertech.no

Date: 6 Sep 1994 01:06:18 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!ceylon!
news2.near.net!das-news.harvard.edu!husc-news.harvard.edu!husc.harvard.edu!
isr.harvard.edu!ys@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: CW Exam Requirement in Different Countries
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am interested in CW exam requirement in different countries.
I will be very grateful if anyone can let me know the following
information about whatever the country he/she is familiar with:

I posted this article in rec.radio.amateur.policy, but received information only for Canada, Sweden, and Bhutan, so I am posting it again in this group.

(1) Code speed requirement for different license classes:

I am particularly interested in the code speed required for the highest class such as 20 WPM for Extra Class in the U.S.

(2) Type of text for code exam:

Such as simulated QSO, plain text, random characters, etc.

(3) Grading criteria:

Such as one-minuted solid copy, seven out of 10 multiple-choice type questions, seven out of 10 fill-in-the-blank type questions, 85 percent correct copy, etc.

(4) Sending test requirement:

Whether sending test is usually required or not.

(5) Requirement of Morse code for other language:

In the U.S. and many other countries, there is no such requirement. In Japan, however, for the first class amateur radio license, Japanese Morse code for 10 WPM is required in addition to International Morse code for 12 WPM. Japanese Morse code consists of 51 symbols.

I am trying to make a comparison of CW exam requirements among different countries, and will appreciate any information you might have. Please send your reply to me directly.

73, Yuzuru Suzuki, AA1JA (ys@isr.harvard.edu)

Date: 6 Sep 1994 17:49:06 -0400
From: newstf01.cr1.aol.com!search01.news.aol.com!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Hooray to the FCC!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Well, contrary to what I have been hearing the last 8 weeks of my life, that it takes 15 weeks to get a call sign, mine finally arrived in the mail today on Tuesday. I took the Tech+ test on July 9th and received

my license today, the 6th of September, having it issued on the 31st of August. Say hello to the one and only N9YJZ!! (8/9 weeks?!?)
Oh..by the way..thanks to the guys on usenet that kept me busy while I waited..73's!

Joe N9YJZ

Date: 6 Sep 1994 19:23:16 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!sdd.hp.com!cs.utexas.edu!convex!news.duke.edu!
bme1.acpub.duke.edu!dmm4@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: InterNet e-mail access via Packet
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Can anyone give me detailed info. about getting e-mail access via packet radio. I wish to communicate with someone who has packet, but no local access numbers to any of the commercial services like America On-Line. So, we heard from someone that some packet clusters/bbs download/upload e-mail to and from the InterNet. Respond via e-mail or news. Thanks.

David.
dmm4@acpub.duke.edu

Date: 6 Sep 1994 21:52:33 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!nic-nac.CSU.net!charnel.ecst.csuchico.edu!csusac!
csus.edu!acme!danb@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Need comments on 2 Ham books @ Radio Shack
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Dinos Kouroushiaklis (dinos@sylvester.cc.utexas.edu) wrote:
: I am new to Ham Radio and am unsure were to start from. I found in
: Radio Shack 2 books "Now you are talking" and "No Code Plus".
: I know that the 2nd has the test pool, but I was told that I need the
: first one to build some background knowledge in Ham Radio and electronics.

You don't need "Now you're talking," but I prefer its format--it is written as a text on the subject matter, and you check your progress by working the questions included in the back. The No Code Plus book, which I bought (all the local stores were sold out of the other one), consists almost entirely of the question pool with answers and explanations.

Personally, I'd recommend "Now You're Talking" over the other book, but you should be able to pass the test with either book. There's no reason at all to buy them both.

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Dan Brown
danb@acme.csusb.edu

Date: 6 Sep 1994 21:35:00 GMT
From: george.inhouse.compuserve.com!news.inhouse.compuserve.com!compuserve.com!
news@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Thanks, ARRL
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Good points. I am on MCI mail (address well publicized), CompuServe, Packet, Policy reflectors, on the air, at every club meeting/hamfest I can make, and whatever else. The idea is to be "plugged in" to what members feel/think/need/want. But I guarantee you that doesn't get me in touch with all the opinions that are being voiced.

If any member feels they have an idea/bitch/suggestion/praise/question that needs answered, then the SURE way to get it heard is by direct communications with their director or the cognizant person in the field organization or at HQ. Many of us lurk about the various "electronic town halls" but we can't be in all of them!

Heck yes, I'll continue to do all the things I'm doing to "be plugged in", and it's a very effective way to keep informed, but it is NOT a substitute for direct communications.

73, de Hans, K0HB

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Hans Brakob, K0HB		EX-KG6AQI, WA0PQF, WB9DLL
Vice Director		WB4GXH, WB0WFF
Dakota Division ARRL		73 from Minnesota

Date: 6 Sep 1994 19:45:19 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!udel!
news.sprintlink.net!indirect.com!buster@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: VE info for Southern Georgia
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

My son is on a temporary assignment in the Brunswick area and will be upgrading shortly. Anyone have any info on VE's in the that area?

Thanks - Lou Nigro - KW7H

Date: 6 Sep 1994 21:56:34 GMT
From: george.inhouse.compuserve.com!news.inhouse.compuserve.com!compuserve.com!
news@uunet.uu.net
Subject: What is an ELMER?????
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The term Elmer is not very old, perhaps 10-15 years?

I think it was "coined" by Rod Newkirk in his "How's DX" column in QST when he talked of his Amateur Radio mentor who happened to be named "Elmer". The name was picked up to mean a more experienced ham who introduced or guided a newcomer in his/her early days in the hobby.

I think!

73, de Hans

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Hans Brakob, K0HB | EX-KG6AQI, WA0PQF, WB9DLL
Vice Director | WB4GXH, WB0WFF
Dakota Division ARRL | 73 from Minnesota

Date: 6 Sep 94 14:06:33 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: You don't do this on air, why do it on the net?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Q: What's wrong with this Info-hams inquiry?:

Date: 6 Sep 1994 21:09:02 +1000
From: qrm4.ucsd.edu!abcde!mis-info!news.ub.com!whoami@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Any opinions on YK-com XX-240?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'm considering purchase of the YK-com XX-240 dual band multimode mobile rig. Does anyone have experience with this unit? What else would you recommend in the under \$700 price range? Thanks,

Ferd Fooham
KF1QRZ "Ice cream has no bones" --anonymous

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A: The problem is that more than just Ferd's profound quote is anonymous, the WHOLE MESSAGE is anonymous! Ferd's call sign adequately identifies him on the air, but does not tell a Info-hams digest reader how to contact him via e-mail. Perhaps some mail systems can extract a return address from the "From:" trail the Info-hams server received. My mail system cannot.

The solution is obvious: INCLUDE YOUR E-MAIL ADDR IN THE BODY OF YOUR MESSAGE IF YOU EXPECT REPLIES ! Otherwise, potential respondents can only answer via an Info-hams posting. The best use of network bandwidth is typically to respond DIRECTLY to the individual. I would expect hams and net-dwellers to be highly aware of these basic bandwidth issues.

Be sure your "signature" has a valid Internet alias.

I just examined a recent Info-hams digest (#996). It contained 14 postings placed by individuals who ostensibly expected replies to their queries and diatribes. Six contained embedded e-mail addresses, eight did not. What's wrong with this picture?

Date: 6 Sep 1994 17:58:48 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!swrinde!sdd.hp.com!col.hp.com!fc.hp.com!paulc@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Zia Information
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Thomas P. Denny (tdenny@bigcat.missouri.EDU) wrote:

: I need some info on the Zia Connection.
: I'm familiar with what the ARRL Repeater Directory says about it,
: but rumor has it that there is a connection to it in Colorado
: Springs (what freq?), and I'm wondering if it extends into San
: Diego, CA (again, what freq, if any?).

There was a connection to Zia in Colorado Springs, on 448.000. It was 2 or 3 hops from Albuquerque up through south central CO. I heard a snippet on the radio indicating it was no longer up, but I'm not sure. I know they were looking for a new site with better coverage and a more direct path.

-Paul C. KG0CZ

Date: 6 Sep 1994 21:25:31 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!udel!news.sprintlink.net!
indirect.com!buster@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Zia Information
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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: but rumor has it that there is a connection to it in Colorado
: Springs (what freq?), and I'm wondering if it extends into San
: Diego, CA (again, what freq, if any?).
: Any info forthcoming will be greatly appreciated.
:
Tom -

ZIA freqs in Colorado are as follows -

Cheyenne Mountain	- Colorado Springs	- 448.000 Minus	- No PL
Deer Peak	- Pueblo	- 449.625 Minus	- No PL
San Antonio Peak	- Co./N. Mex. Border	- 443.900 Plus	- No PL

There are problems as of toady with these links, terrible audio from
Colorado into ZIA, good audio the other way. As of now, they are not
PL'ed, that may change.

No ZIA connection into San Diego, Yuma is the last repeater on Interstate 8.

Lou Nigro - KW7H

Date: Tue, 6 Sep 1994 17:43:08 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!math.ohio-state.edu!news.acns.nwu.edu!news.eecs.nwu.edu!
tella5!jwa@network.ucsd.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <199408241927.MAA11662@ucsd.edu>, <CvBp66.26C@rahul.net>,
<joeCvG5xy.Fvq@netcom.com>s.nw
Subject : Re: Why Some people hate Wayne Green

In article <joeCvG5xy.Fvq@netcom.com> joe@netcom.com (Joseph Jesson) writes:
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> The most interesting story is how Wayne Green lost Byte magazine - his
>wife left him and, in the divorce settlement, grabbed Byte magazine. I
>think she left him for one of his editors of Byte!!
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About 5 years ago Joe Jesson and myself went to the Dayton Hamvention.
That was the year that Wayne Green was running his "Dou you like/hate
Wayne Green" contest by passing out bages. I walked up to Wayne Green

and said "Hey Wayne, I heard thyat you ran out of I hate Wayne Green badges"! He said "no" and pinned one on me. I think I still have it somewhere!

I don't know how that contest went but I'm sure someone will reply.

Jack Albert WA9FVP (Fellow Radio Hacker)
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"I'm normal, I'm normal, I'm normal"!

From MTV's Liquid Television

Date: Tue, 6 Sep 1994 17:09:14 GMT
From: newsgate.melpar.esys.com!melpar!phb@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1994Aug31.145924.17054@arrl.org>, <gregCvGGoD.6sM@netcom.com>,
<1994Sep6.150953.7638@arrl.org>
Subject : Re: Thanks, ARRL

jbloom@arrl.org (Jon Bloom (KE3Z)) writes:

>Greg, you are misreading Ed's posting. The word "instead" in his text
>is important. I know that Ed has no problem--nor do I--with people
>posting criticism of ARRL here. What bothers him--and me--is that
>people seem to think that posting here is all that is necessary. That's
>not true because 1) many of the Directors don't read this forum, and 2)
>a personal communication will always be more likely to result in action
>than an undirected one. What Ed wants is for members to state their
>opinions directly to the people who are in policy-making positions,
>whatever those opinions may be, in *addition* to participating in
>whatever dialogue they find useful--here or elsewhere. In no way does
>he intend to stifle dissent or conversation on Usenet.

>No, he's saying, "go through channels where it will do some good."

>This is rather a Usenet-centric point of view. What about the
>CompuServe, Genie, AOL, etc forums? Aren't the members there entitled
>to the same treatment? And, if so, just how many hours per day do you
>expect the Directors to spend trolling the electronic forums? This,
>mind you, along with their attendance almost every weekend (in some

>cases) at hamfests, conventions and radio club meetings in their
>divisions. And maybe even a bit of time on the air. In short, there are
>a lot of places where amateurs congregate and Directors can listen to
>member opinions. Demanding that Usenet be primary among those places is
>unreasonable.

Jon makes an excellent point. I *happen* to have access to Internet at work, but even though I have a PC at home I have no intention at this point of forking over my own money for a monthly Internet service - Heck, I don't even have cable TV! (Newton Minow was right...it's a vast wasteland.....). I suspect there are *many* ARRL officials/appointees who are in the same boat. Does ARRL *provide* Internet access to senior officials (Directors, Vice-Directors, SMS, etc.)? I don't think so. I'm sure a lot of them, like me, try and spend their money on the things which interest them most, meaning ham radio (and whatever else Internet is, it is *not* the same as hamming!). They also (as has been pointed out) attend a *lot* of club meetings, hamfests, etc. That takes up a great deal of their time, and they just may not feel too much like spending the time they have left to themselves reading through the newsgroups. And remember, typically on Internet you don't read a group *once* to see a certain point of view expressed on some subject; some of the threads go on for *weeks* (like this one - HI!). Some League officials just may not have the time for that; they *may* be too busy talking to people in person and over the air.

The best way to get an idea across that you really feel *strongly* about in regard to ham radio is to either go to a meeting or hamfest where you know your SM or Director will be present and let it be known that you *really need* to talk to him/her for a few minutes, not just BS and exchange pleasantries. I'd be very surprised if the official didn't make a specil effort to hear you out; that's part of their job.

If for any reason you cannot meet in person, write a letter or else e-mail ARRL Headquarters directly.

BTW, if worse comes to worse, pick up the 'phone and *call* your SM - *everybody* has a telephone.

73,

Paul, K4MSG (not a League official, just a LM)

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Paul H. Bock, Jr. K4MSG
Principal Systems Engineer
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"Doin' it the ol'
fashioned way..."
(well, almost)

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>member opinions. Demanding that Usenet be primary among those places is
>unreasonable.

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>Jon Bloom KE3Z jbbloom@arrl.org

I appreciate the fact that the League listens at all, given that there is
such a multitude of differing viewpoints! I would suspect that the "other"
onliners (AOL etc) are now able to access this group and contribute, but it
still seems that direct (US MAIL) is the majority. One last point, some of
us HAVE in fact communicated directly with the ARRL HQ staffers, only to
find that the problem or issue is not something that can be resolved by the
ARRL. In my case the 10 m QRM-from-11 m and the bootlegging into 10 m by
CBers is not something the ARRL can solve, or so K1ZZ informed me...sigh.

73!

-Avatar-> (aka: Erik K. Sorgatz) KB6LUY +-----+
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